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## Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-6 (partly), 8 (partly), 16 (partly)

Polymerisation process in the presence of an borate cocatalyst and a catalyst comprising a composition of a metal-organic reagent, a spectator ligand and optionally a hydrocarbylating agent where the spectator ligand is not defined as in claims 7, 9, 10, 12 or 14. Polymer obtainable with such a process.

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2. claims: 1-6 (partly), 7, 8(partly), 1 (partly)

Polymerisation process in the presence of an borate cocatalyst and a catalyst comprising a composition of a metal-organic reagent, a spectator ligand and optionally a hydrocarbylating agent where the spectator ligand is as defined in claim 7. Polymer obtainable with such a process.

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3. claims: 1-6 (partly), 8 (partly), 9, 11 (partly), 16 (partly)

Polymerisation process in the presence of an borate cocatalyst and a catalyst comprising a composition of a metal-organic reagent, a spectator ligand and optionally a hydrocarbylating agent where the spectator ligand is as defined in claim 9. Polymer obtainable with such a process.

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4. claims: 1-6 (partly), 8 (partly), 1, 11 (partly), 16 (partly)

Polymerisation process in the presence of an borate cocatalyst and a catalyst comprising a composition of a metal-organic reagent, a spectator ligand and optionally a hydrocarbylating agent where the spectator ligand is as defined in claim 10. Polymer obtainable with such a process.

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5. claims: 1-6 (partly), 8 (partly), 12, 13, 16 (partly), 17-19

Polymerisation process in the presence of an borate cocatalyst and a catalyst comprising a composition of a metal-organic reagent, a spectator ligand and optionally a hydrocarbylating agent where the spectator ligand is as defined in claim 12. Polymer obtainable with such a process.

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6. claims: 1-6 (partly), 8 (partly), 14, 15, 16 (partly)

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Polymerisation process in the presence of an borate cocatalyst and a catalyst comprising a composition of a metal-organic reagent, a spectator ligand and optionally a hydrocarbylating agent where the spectator ligand is as defined in claim 14. Polymer obtainable with such a process.

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